GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RESTRUCTURING OF SECURITY COUNCIL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move to restructure the Security Council of the United Nations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the US has initiated any move in this regard;

(d) if so, whether India has been sounded to this effect; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) Moves to restructure the Security Councilofficially began in 1992 when the General Assembly adopted a resolution on the question of equitable representation and increase in the membership of the Security Council. In 1997, the UN General Assembly set up an Open Ended Working Group to discuss the issue. There is no consensus so far on candidates, or criteria, for expansion.

(c), (d) & (e) U.S recently announced its readiness to consider expansion of the Security Council beyond the figure of 21 and also on the need for more representation of developing countries in the Security Council. India remains in touch with all Member States on the issue.